

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Chang and Examiner Morris for the courtesies extended to the undersigned in a Telephone Interview on September 7, 2004. In the Office Action mailed August 19, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-25, 27 and 32-38. By way of the foregoing amendments and the markings to show changes, please amend claim 1. The foregoing amendments are taken in the interest of expediting prosecution and there is no intention of surrendering any range of equivalents to which Applicant would otherwise be entitled in view of the prior art.

I. Interview and Subsequent Correspondence

During the Interview and subsequent correspondence, Examiner Chang and Examiner Morris suggested that claims 21 and 35 and the claims dependent thereon were allowable as submitted in the Response and Request for Reconsideration filed July 28, 2004. Further, Examiner Chang agreed that claim 1 is allowable as amended above to include the language of claim 5. Thus, all claims of the present application are presently allowable. Applicants request a notice of allowance for the present application.

By amending the application, the Applicants do not concede that the patent coverage available to them would not extend as far as the original claim. Rather, Applicants intend to file a continuation application to pursue the breadth of the claims as filed. Applicants believe that the Examiner has not made a sufficient showing of inherency of the teachings of the asserted prior art, especially given the lack of teachings in the cited references of the properties that Applicants have recited in their claims.

Further, by the present amendment, it does not follow that the amended claims have become so perfect in their description that no one could devise an equivalent. After amendment, as before, limitations in the ability to describe the present invention in language in the patent claims naturally prevent the Applicants from capturing every nuance of the invention or describing with complete precision the range of its novelty or every possible equivalent. See, Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu

Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., 62 USPQ2d 1705 (2002). Accordingly, the foregoing amendments are made specifically in the interest of expediting prosecution and there is no intention of surrendering any range of equivalents to which Applicants would otherwise be entitled.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request and petition an appropriate extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action, of at least one month. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00. For any deficiencies, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due is hereby given.

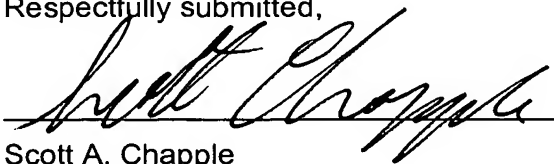
CONCLUSIONS

In view of Applicants' amendments and remarks, the Examiner's rejections are believed to be rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner pass the case to issue at the earliest convenience. Should the Examiner have any question or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (248) 593-9900.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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